Remarks

Claim Objections

Claims 19 and 21 are amended in the manner suggested by the Examiner. Additionally, the phrase "a window through" as used on the last paragraph of claim 19 is deleted in favor of "said mating inner and outer jackets members defining a window...". This amendment is not relevant to the allowance of claim 19.

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Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of claims 12 and 13 and is believed to be allowable in view of the Examiner's statement that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim (1) and any intervening claims (12). Please note that the phrase "outer metal jacket" as used in claim 12 is replaced in claim 1 with "an outer jacket of thermally conductive solid material", and that the phrase "window openings" as used in the last paragraph of claim 1 is deleted in favor of "the inner and outer jacket members defining a window...". Neither of these amendments is believed to be relevant to the allowance of claim 1.

Claims 2-11 and claims 14-18 depend (either directly or indirectly) from claim 1 and are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

New Claims 31-35

New claim 31 is substantially the same as claim 15 rewritten in independent form and is submitted as allowable as indicated in the Office action.

New claim 32 is similar to claim 19 except that the claim specifies that the outer jacket members, when closed, mate together on opposite sides of the inner jacket members, that the apparatus further comprises a mechanism for moving the inner jacket members closer together to press a cushion of thermally conductive, cushioning material against the bundle of capillary tubes, and that the mating inner and outer jacket members define a window. The prior art of record fails to show or suggest the subject matter of claim 32, including the specified mechanism

for moving inner jacket members closer together to press a cushion of thermally conductive, cushioning material against a bundle of capillary tubes. Accordingly, claim 32 is submitted as allowable.

New claims 33 and 34 depend from claim 32 and are also submitted to be allowable.

New claim 35 recites, among other things, that the inner jacket members mate together to "define a shallow recess extending between opposite ends of the inner jacket members for receiving said bundle of capillary tubes with the tubes arranged side-by-side in the recess with no intervening structure between the tubes...". The prior art of record fails to teach the combination of elements recited in claim 35. Accordingly, this claim is also believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$172.00 for the additional claim fees.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims in this application are in condition for allowance.

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